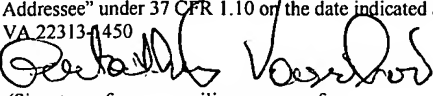


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated 11/12/2004, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks amendment is respectfully requested.

In summary, it is considered that each issue raised in the outstanding Office Action has been directly answered, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. All claims of the present application are considered to be in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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